

were faced with everyday challenges she had never experienced before, and there was a real need for change. As a teacher, however, Carole felt she was limited in how she could effect the meaningful change that was desperately needed in her community.

Despite her pedigree and desire to make a difference, Carole's ascension into public office happened almost by accident. When the current legislator in her district suddenly became ill and died, those in the community who were impressed by her interest in changing the status quo encouraged her run. She filed for office on the day of the filing deadline, and in 1976, she was elected to represent the 51st District of Missouri. Thankfully, for the people of Missouri, there was nothing accidental about her approach to legislating. Hailing from the home of Harry Truman, Carole had a real no-nonsense style about her, and she could get things done.

During her 18 years as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, Carole sponsored 93 bills, many of which became law, including the largest insurance reform bill in Missouri history. But what Carole was most known for was her vigorous pursuit to improve the way the State of Missouri delivered health and mental health care. In 1981, she became the first woman in Missouri history to chair a standing appropriations committee, and for 13 years Carole reigned over the Committee on Appropriations for Health and Mental Health. At the time she was appointed to this position, Missouri was headed into a recession, and there was a desperate need to cut health services. Yet Carole was able to make the necessary changes without sacrificing services. In fact, throughout her tenure as chair of the committee, Missouri reduced overall costs of mental health care programs while improving the services it provided.

Carole's dedication to those suffering from mental illness, developmental disabilities, head injuries, and substance abuse was truly unparalleled. While her work with community mental health centers or substance abuse programs seldom made the front page, she worked tirelessly in the pursuit of better treatment for these special citizens. The result of her dedication was the transformation of a badly broken mental health system into a community-based approach that provided real options for some of our most vulnerable.

In 1995, Carole retired from the Missouri House of Representatives, but her commitment to her community and the democratic process has continued. She has remained dedicated to improving services for the mentally ill, substance abusers, and victims of domestic violence. She has worked with Thank You Walt Disney Inc. to help restore Walt Disney's downtown Kansas City Studio. She has worked tirelessly to elect democratic candidates who embody the same steadfast dedication to effect change that she had during her time in public service, including devot-

ing countless hours on the phones and going door-to-door for then Presidential candidate Barack Obama. Once again, her hard work paid off.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in wishing Carole Roper Park Vaughan a very happy 70th birthday. She has been a remarkable servant to the citizens of the State of Missouri and I am grateful to call her my friend.●

COMMENDING EDGECOMB POTTERS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, Midcoast Maine is a special place for Mainers and tourists alike. With its beautiful harbors and quintessential Maine villages, the region is a remarkable cross-section of our State. Nestled on route 27 in the heart of this striking area is Edgecomb Potters, a veritable gem in Maine's art world. I rise today to recognize this superb Maine company and the innovative spirit of its founders.

Located in the town of Edgecomb, Edgecomb Potters was started in a small one-room schoolhouse by owners Richard and Chris Hilton in 1976. Before starting the business, Richard had been planning on entering the broadcasting industry, while Chris was an art teacher. Since that time, Edgecomb Potters has crafted over 1.3 million unique pieces of gorgeous pottery, and it averages 200,000 pieces each year. Additionally, the company has expanded to its present day 28-acre complex, where it has eight kilns, and added satellite retail locations in Freeport and Portland. Edgecomb Potters has also grown to a team of more than 30 employees in that time, and over 150,000 people visit the company's three locations each season. Beyond its own pottery, Edgecomb's stores showcase the work of over 400 different artisans, many of them Mainers, specializing in jewelry, sculpture, and glass.

The Hiltons work together on each design. Richard Hilton serves as Edgecomb's master potter, studying the organic composition and history of ceramic glazes from all over the world, and Chris lends her extensive art background to the output of beautiful pieces of pottery. They are consistently producing new and creative glazes and patterns which lend a unique rarity to the company's many pieces. All glazes and porcelains are made on site with glazes named by the colors they evoke, such as Lady Slipper Pink, Apple Green, and Honey Green. In addition to these inventive colors, the potters frequently add golden flecks, shimmering crystals, and flowing artistic tones to give a distinctive finish to each piece.

During the company's 33-year history, Edgecomb Potters has rightfully gained significant national recognition. The Hiltons' passion for glaze development has led them to be considered national leaders in this field, and has propelled their company to be recognized by the Boston Globe, Ceramics

Monthly, American Style and numerous other publications. Edgecomb Potters also garnered international attention when trade representatives from Taiwan purchased one of their large vases for that country's president in 2001. The vase was made using Kyoto Forest, a unique glaze Mr. Hilton concocted based on a 17th century Chinese glaze. The company has also been named one of America's "Best of the Road" companies by Rand McNally. The global atlas producer lists Edgecomb Potters as "one of the most highly acclaimed art potteries in America," and cites the "one-of-a-kind" pottery as an incentive for people to visit this extraordinary facility.

Edgecomb Potters continues to expand because of the Hiltons' constant and abiding passion for art and pottery, and the number of new customers they continuously attract worldwide is impressive. Indeed, Edgecomb's presence in Maine's art scene has placed our State on the national map as a destination for lovers of stunning and matchless pottery. I congratulate Richard and Chris Hilton, and everyone at Edgecomb Potters, for their pioneering spirit, and offer my best wishes for their continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:00 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that it has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 22. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to reduce the amount that the United States Postal Service is required to pay into the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund by the end of fiscal year 2009.

H.R. 511. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village.

H.R. 940. An act to provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana.

H.R. 1002. An act to adjust the boundaries of Pisgah National Forest in McDowell County, North Carolina.

H.R. 2947. An act to amend the Federal securities laws to make technical corrections and to make conforming amendments related to the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

H.R. 3137. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide clarification relating to the authority of the United States Postal Service to accept donations as an additional source of funding for commemorative plaques.

H.R. 3146. An act to make improvements to the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3175. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Miami-Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3179. An act to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to require the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program to include the effect of the Troubled Asset Relief Program on

small businesses in the oversight, audits, and reports provided by the Special Inspector General, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3386. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3527. An act to increase the maximum mortgage amount limitations under the FHA mortgage insurance programs for multi-family housing projects with elevators and for extremely high-cost areas.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of the Department of Agriculture Forest Service Experimental Forests and Ranges.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 7:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1243. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 511. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 940. An act to provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 1002. An act to adjust the boundaries of Pisgah National Forest in McDowell County, North Carolina; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2968. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "School Food Safety Inspections" (RIN0584-AD64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2969. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8431-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2970. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ametryn, Amitraz, Ammonium Soap Salts of Higher Fatty Acids, Bitertanol, Copers, et al.; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8431-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2971. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8089)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2972. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sudanese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 538) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2973. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-

mission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assessment of Demand Response and Advanced Metering"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2974. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf—Technical Corrections" (RIN1010-AD52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2975. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Area Source Standards for Aluminum, Copper, and Other Non-ferrous Foundries—Technical Correction" (FRL No. 8954-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2976. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EPAAR Prescription and Clauses—Government Property—Contract Property Administration" (FRL No. 8956-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2977. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2978. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Physician Group Practice Demonstration Evaluation Report"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2979. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's 2008 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2980. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2981. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C for Fiscal Years 2007 through 2009, as of March 31, 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2982. A communication from the Solicitor, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action on a nomination for the position of General Counsel, Federal Labor Relations Authority received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2983. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Attorney General relative to Lobbying Disclosure Act enforcement actions taken for the period beginning on July 1, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.